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May 10, 1943

Mr. George R. Brown
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Dear George:

Enclosed, herewith, please find copy of letter from A. E. Kipp that I know will be of interest to you. You will note that he states that our project has been passed by the committee and that we are in line for further appropriations as soon as the drilling is done. With reference to the remainder of his letter, I do not see that I can personally help him put over his own proposition as much as I would like to do so.

I received a telegram from Mr. S. H. Petterson of the Metals Reserve Company last Saturday in which he stated that they were holding up authorization of our going ahead with the drilling pending receipt of the title opinions and the signed assignment of the leases to the Metals Reserve. I attempted to contact you immediately but you were out of town so I called Mr. George Butler and he is arranging to get out the assignment but to complete same, he must have a correct inventory of all leases in the bank. This morning, therefore, I am going over to Webb City with Carl Plumb and a stenographer and will check all leases against the map and send Mr. Butler a correct description of these holdings so that he can complete the assignment.

I have been trying to rush the opinions on the titles through. There are twelve different parcels of land in the north drainage area. To date, we have sent four, will possibly send two today and should have four by the middle of this week and the remainder by the latter part of the week. We have had difficulty in many instances getting the base abstracts and in some cases have had to build the abstracts ourselves and with the abstract office at Carthage very much overworked, it has been a question of my staying in behind the various attorneys as well as the abstract office. Mr. McPherson has four attorneys examining titles here and as fast as they are examined and critical curative work done, they are being passed with three opinions being sent to Washington and one copy to George Butler, together with an additional opinion to Mr. Butler in which are outlined certain minor objections which we believe can be readily cured without bothering Washington about.

All of this was explained to Mr. Petterson's office in Washington over the telephone Saturday and he seemed to be satisfied stating that as soon as we had the opinions and the assignment completed, they were ready to authorize the work to be started. His office stated that they had overlooked telling you about this when you were in Washington recently.

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I have had several conferences with Doctor Gardner of the Bureau of Mines. As you know, he is Regional Director for the western states. He has agreed to assist us in every possible way in our work and, in fact, has volunteered to take Mr. Donoghue, our chief sample man, off our payroll and place him on the Bureau of Mines payroll, the thought being that this will give weight to our sampling in Washington. In other words, we will have official supervision, a thing I have been striving to get for some time.

When I was in Houston last, Mr. Duke stated that we should have a bookkeeper here to take care of the paper work in connection with the contracts and governments reports. While I did not ask for such a person, I will be very glad to have this man. I do not think we will need him for another week, however, as we must have our opinions in and the assignment accepted in Washington before we can obtain authorization to go ahead.

I hope when we get under way that you can come up here and see for yourself just what we are trying to accomplish.

In this mail I am sending photostats to Mr. Burkhart of data received from Bill Leslie in Washington, copies of which Mr. Burkhart wanted for his files.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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W.C. Cippa

Executive, Howard Young

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23rd April 1943

From Mr. W.C. Cippa, Head West

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W.C. Cippa, Head

Dear Mr. Cashin,

You may be surprised to hear that I have resigned from the War Production Board. I got an opportunity to do more for the War program in Zinc production in private industry so I am now applying myself to reopening a mine in the West which I worked back in 1929-30.

Mr. Howard I. Young has set up a new Coordinating Div. which will handle your project in its final form. He is very constructive and progressive and quite enthusiastic over the possibilities of Webb City. The other day at one of their big meetings, with the Bureau of Mines, etc. present they passed your project in full, so when your drilling is done you will automatically get your further appropriations.

Of course this new Div. puts the Zinc Div. somewhat in the background so I am not sorry that I am going into private industry.

I have acquired a 10 year lease on the Horn Silver Mine in Utah on very favorable terms for myself alone. In 1929-30 I worked this mine and was successful in developing 40,000 tons of ore which at present prices would net over a million dollars. It is high grade silver-lead-zinc, straight shipping ore and will net over \$12.00 per ton.

I have submitted it to the Zinc Div. and Geo. Leikes has favorably endorsed it. It has been set up as Zinc Project No. 66, and has been passed by the Facilities Review Committee. It has the endorsement of Howard I. Young, and is recommended by the Bureau of Mines.

I require \$140,000.00 to reopen it properly so I can go to a production of 100 tons daily, and this amount has been OK'd by everyone in the W.P.B.

I am now in the process of negotiating with R.E.C. They are not as constructive or progressive as the W.P.B. and are trying to make very difficult terms with me over the directive of the W.P.B. A number of prominent engineers including E.N. Hunt of the U.S. Smelting and R.Y. Walker of Newmont Corp. recommend this project, so I feel very good about it.

I am enclosing copy of the Zinc Div. Memorandum to give you an idea of its possibilities, and also a confidential copy of letter to Mr. Jesse Jones from W.P.B.

If your reaction to this project is that a word from the outside to the Secretary of Commerce would help my negotiations and you feel that it warrants constructive assistance I would appreciate anything you could do in this respect. It must however stand on its own feet as I do not want anything but the opportunity to make that zinc production I can by my own efforts.

Wishing you the best of success and hoping to hear from you,
I remain, yours sincerely,

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